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CONTRACTORS CLAIM BIG BALANCE DUE.

**A. S. Wilson Company Wants
\$24,466.98 They Say
Is Due**

FOR BIG BUILDING HERE

Contractors Claim They Fulfilled All Requirements Under Their Contract and Say Balance Should Have Been Paid May 16 Last.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 6.—The A. S. Wilson Company, which built the Second National Bank building in Connellsville, has entered suit against the bank to recover a balance of \$24,466.98 which has been owing since May 16, 1909, their claim being for interest from that date. Attorneys Howell, Sturges & Morrow filed the papers in the suit this morning.

The plaintiff claims to have completed the building according to the specifications of the defendant's architect, and the work received their approval. The total cost of the building was \$131,195.25, for which had been paid, up to May 11, last, \$107,018.27. The plaintiff company claims the defendant to the suit has refused payment on the balance.

Three contracts were entered into between the bank and the contracting company. In the one made April 20, 1908, the contractor agreed to erect a building according to plans supplied by the defendant's architect for \$117,500, payment to be made during the progress of the work. On October 29, 1909 the contractor agreed to furnish the cabinet work for \$1,399 payments to be made on the 10th of every month for the work done during the preceding month. On February 17, 1909, the contractor agreed to do the painting for \$1,475, excepting the last coat which was to be put on at a cost of 6 cents a square yard. The original contract, made April 30, 1908, called for the completion of the work on or before March 1, 1909, but subsequently changes were made during the progress of the work, at the suggestion or with the consent of the defendant's architect. The contractor claims to have completed the building according to specifications and complied with all conditions, and delivered it ready for occupancy on or about May 15, 1909. Judgment is asked in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount with interest.

NEW GROCERY COMPANY STOCKHOLDERS ORGANIZE

Christian Feltz Elected President and Manager—Are Ready to Begin Business.

The stockholders of the Connellsville Wholesale Grocery Company met last evening in the offices of Attorney F. E. Younkin and organized. Christian Feltz was elected President and Manager; D. L. Sherrick of Scotland, Vice President, and T. W. Porter of Scotland, Treasurer. Attorney Younkin acted as Secretary. The other Directors selected were G. W. Loar of Gratton, J. M. Kennell of Scotland, William Henry of Meyer, and Fred Feltz of Uniontown.

The lease for the Adams building has already been secured and some of the stock ordered. The manager was directed to begin business as quickly as possible. The company will have five salesmen on the road.

YOUTH BOOMERS HOME.

Much Encouraged by Hearing Given Them at Washington.

J. B. Hogg, John Duggan, A. H. Wallace and E. E. Hobbs, the latter of Greensburg, returned on the Duquesne Limited this morning from Washington after attending the hearing before the Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress relative to the improvement of the Youghioghezy river.

Engineer Hogg this morning expressed confidence in the ability of Congressmen Cooper and Caldwell to secure a big appropriation for the work. The Youth boomers think they have at last one good friend of the movement on the committee in Congressman J. K. Tener of Washington county.

Vacancy on Bench Filled.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 6.—Governor Stuart last night announced the appointment of H. A. Davis to be a judge of the Court of Common Pleas No. 3 of Philadelphia, vice Judge Von Mosechleher resigned.

Fire Raging at South Fork.

JOHNSTOWN, Jan. 6.—Fire has broken out in South Fork, nine miles from Johnstown. Reports say one church and parish house have been destroyed. Firemen lack facilities for fighting the flames.

FAMINE THREATENS NORTHWEST

Reports Pouring In of Dead and Tremendous Damage as a Result of Blizzard Which Shows No Let Up.

United Press Telegram.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 6.—Famine threatens throughout the Northwest. The blizzard has raged for 36 hours and there is no sign of a let-up. Reports are pouring in of dead and injured.

Snow drifts and broken rails have tied up the railroads and a food and coal shortage is reported from all points in Iowa and the Dakotas. Out-

do on the western ranges are reported dying by the hundreds, lacking care and shelter.

Several men were found frozen to death in Manitoba and the Dakotas. Minor wrecks are reported. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad is reported to have abandoned all traffic west of Prairie du Chien, Wis. For tonight colder weather is predicted.

No Blizzard Yet, But Coming Soon Says Weather Man

Weather of the unfavorable variety continues in this section, although the blizzard reported to be moving eastward has not reached this section as yet. The temperature has been mild for the past 24 hours, but the precipitation was great. The rain yesterday turned into a steady downpour during the night while this morning there was a change when sleet began falling, making the pavements unsafe for pedestrians.

The mercury this morning registered 33 degrees, eight higher than yesterday. Last evening it was 41. The river dropped to 5.5 feet last night but rose today. This morning the gauge showed a depth of 6.64 feet, with the stream rising steadily. While the mountain rains will send the stream much higher it is not expected that it will reach the high water mark established earlier in the week of 11 feet.

Shortly after noon a wet snow began falling which may be a forerunner of the promised blizzard.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED

At the Annual Congregational Meeting of Members in Church Last Evening.

Largely attended was the annual congregational meeting of the First Baptist Church held last evening in the church. The trustees elected for the ensuing year were: James C. Munson, F. C. Rose, T. H. Hazen, Charles Bailey and Joseph Metzgar. L. V. Marshall was re-elected clerk.

The reports of the officers of the various societies of the church showed a most little sum in the treasury. The closing year has been a prosperous one and Rev. Palmquist, the pastor, and the congregation are very enthusiastic over the results accomplished by earnest work during the past year. Following a short address by Rev. E. A. E. Palmquist the young ladies of the church served a nicely appointed luncheon.

STIFF PRICE PAID FOR WESTMORELAND COAL

Connellsville Man Purchased Tract in Salem Township for \$500 an Acre.

GREENSBURG, Jan. 6.—By an important deal in coal land recently consummated, Westmoreland county will probably gain a new coal town and works. The tract of coal land in question lies about four miles north of Greensburg and adjoins the No. 3 Jamison works at Forbes Roads.

Samuel C. and David W. Sarver were the owners and the price they received for the tract of between 40 and 50 acres was \$500 per acre.

William F. Solomon of Connellsville was the purchaser and it is said that the work of developing the tract will begin at once. In that event, a new mining town will spring up along with the erection of new coal works and employment will be given to many more men, in the coal mining industry.

The School Law Was Violated; Parents Fined

John Watson of Wheeler, John B. Davin and Mrs. Guy of Brookville and Thomas McNeely, Angeline Andy and John Coltas of Trotter, were before Squire P. M. Buttermore of the West Side last evening on a charge of violating the compulsory school laws by refusing to send their children to school. The information was made by Triant Officer A. E. Allen of Dunbar township and the warrants served by Constable William Shrum.

A number of trivial excuses were given by the parents of the children and the cases were finally settled by each defendant paying a fine of \$2.00 and costs.

HUNDREDS HURT IN GOTHAM STORM.

Over 600 Persons Treated in Hospitals for Injuries in the Slippery Streets.

ONE KILLED IN "L" WRECK

Elevated Trains Collide When Slippery Rails Let Them Get Beyond Control—Fog Over River Cripples Ferry Service and Business Is at a Standstill.

United Press Telegram.
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—During the night and the early hours this morning nearly 600 persons were treated at the various hospitals of Greater New York for injuries received in falling on the ice coated streets and sidewalks. Rain, freezing as it fell, made the city a vast sheet of ice.

By 9 o'clock last night traffic on the streets was at a standstill, horses being unable to stand. Today a dense fog over the rivers made ferry traffic slow and dangerous.

The hospitals have been so busy the ambulances have been unable to answer all of the calls and express wagons were placed in commission. One person was killed and several injured in a collision of elevated trains on the Williamsburg bridge, caused by slippery rails. Several small steamers are ashore but there have been no serious accidents on the rivers.

FRANK HUSTON SELLS UNIONTOWN PROPERTY

Will Retire From Drug Business at County Seat, But Will Continue Connellsville Store.

One of the largest real estate deals negotiated in Uniontown for years was closed yesterday when George M. Bully purchased from Frank Huston, attorney for the Daniel Huston heirs, the business block at 35 Main street, in that town, for \$10,000, or \$2,000 per front foot. Mr. Huston will retire from the drug business in Uniontown, although he will continue to operate his Connellsville store of which C. Roy Eitel is the resident manager.

The building, a two-story brick, was erected by the late Daniel Huston before the Civil War. Since 1861, it has been known as Huston's Drug store, although Frank Huston, the present proprietor did not take charge of it until 1890. Mr. Huston started his Connellsville store in 1871.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

By Ladies of the Presbyterian Missionary Society.

Officers for the ensuing year were installed yesterday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies of the First Presbyterian Church, held in the church chapel.

Mrs. E. G. Hall, the newly elected President of the Home Society, presided at the opening of the meeting while Mrs. J. W. Ward, who was re-elected President of the Foreign Society had charge of the Foreign meeting. Reports were read by the secretaries and treasurers of the two societies and loaned dainty refreshments were served by the refreshment committee.

Democratic Leader Shot.

READING, Pa., Jan. 6.—(Special).—Frederick Neudorfer, a Democratic leader, was shot and probably fatally injured in his offices today by an unknown negro, who later suicided. The cause is unknown.

Heavy Snow and Colder.

Probably heavy snows this afternoon and tonight; colder tonight. Friday continued snow flurries. Minimum about 14 degrees above zero. This above is the noon weather forecast.

Kell Long Ill.

Kell Long of the West Side, is confined to his home with pneumonia.

BLACK HAND KILLS MURDER MAN IN BED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—(Special).—The bold "Black Hand" murder in the history of the city was perpetrated this morning when three men entered the home of Benedetto Seneca, a rich Italian merchant and killed him.

While one man held the wife at bay at the point of a revolver, the other two shot the Italian to death as he slept in bed. The murderers escaped.

Seven Prisoners From Borough Sent to Jail

One of the largest consignments of prisoners ever sent to the Uniontown jail at one time left last evening when Clerk A. O. Bixler and Officers George Francis and O'Brien took seven to the County Seat. In the party were Oille and Currie Morella, Mary French and Pansy Berg, charged with running a disorderly house, George Brown and Harry Foidexter, accused of frequenting the resort, and Jack Hahn, who will be turned over to the court with a request that he be sent to the County House.

Chief Rottler asked Clerk Bixler to take charge of the prisoners, which he did, getting every one of them behind the bars without mishap. Squire Bixler has committed many prisoners to jail, in the days when he was a Justice of the Peace at Morgan Station, but last night was the first time he over acted as a Deputy Constable.

BREWERY ICE TEST CASE.

Three Companies Selected as Defendants in Suit to Settle Question.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 6.—The question of whether breweries have the right to manufacture and sell ice, or to give away surplus ice, or to make any other disposition of ice, which their cement use, is to be settled by test suits in which the defendant companies will be the Victor Brewing Company of Jeannette; the Star of Greensburg, and the Monongahela, of Allegheny.

This decision was reached today after a hearing upon the many suits in the quo warranto proceedings brought some time ago by James A. Kerr. Senator Charles H. Kline of Pittsburgh appeared for the relator.

Suits were dropped, as a result of yesterday's use, is to be settled by test suits in which the defendant companies will be the Victor Brewing Company of Jeannette; the Star of Greensburg, and the Monongahela, of Allegheny.

TRACKMAN DROPS DEAD.

Peter Mathias, an Old B. & O. Employee on Berlin Branch.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—(Special).—Peter Mathias, an employee of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for many years as trackman on the branch and a well known citizen of town, dropped dead Tuesday about 5 o'clock while at work on the track near Pine Hill station. Mathias had gone to work in his usual health in the morning and without any complaint. It is thought he died of heart trouble. He is survived by a widow and four children: two at home and two married and residing in town.

Deceased was a member of the Lutheran Church. Funeral took place this morning at 10 o'clock from the house, Rev. A. J. Radloff of the Lutheran Church officiating. Interment in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

SHOOT BANKER.

Try to Get Foreigner's Money and, Failing, Open Fire—Are Caught.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(Special).—Falling in an attempt to hold up with revolvers the foreign exchange bank of Henry Koen in Brooklyn, at noon today, two robbers shot and fatally wounded Koen's brother, Sam, the overseer of the place.

Screaming women in the bank attracted a crowd, which overcame the robbers. Koen identified the men. He will likely die.

Option Lapses.

The West Penn Railway's Company has allowed its option on the Howard property on Main street, Uniontown, to lapse. It was a prospective site for a waiting room.

TRIPLET'S AID BORN IN OTTOWAY FAMILY.

OTTOWAY, Jan. 6.—(Special).—Triplets, two boys and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Harbaugh, who reside at Niagara, a short distance from this place, on Tuesday night. The boy weighs six pounds, while each of the girls tips the scales at five pounds. The babies are strong and have been getting along fine. There are several other children in the Harbaugh family.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT FLOODED.

Unless Cold Wave Sets In Great Damage May Be Done in That Section—Gilestown, on the Conemaugh, Burned.

United Press Telegram.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 6.—Flood conditions are threatening the vicinity of McKeesport. The Monongahela river is out of its banks above the city and the other streams are backed up. Unless colder weather sets in serious conditions are feared. The Ohio has reached a 17 foot stage at Parkersburg, W. Va.

Gilestown, on the Conemaugh river, was partially destroyed by flood, ice and fire today. Two bridges, the only connection with the town, were battered by ice and swept down the river. A church, the tenement houses of many families and several business houses were destroyed by fire. Aid from other towns could not reach the threatened borough on account of the bridges being out. The loss was \$35,000.

"NO FIDDLE" PLANK OF J. A. GUILER.

"Can't Teach Music With a Violin" He Argues to Voters.

MAY HAVE OTHER SUPPORT

Second Ward Has Formerly Been Strongest Against Music in Board. J. N. Sisley Not Candidate for Council in the First Ward.

The "No Fiddle" campaign is on in the Second Ward. That is the platform of John A. Guiler, who aspires to the Democratic nomination for School Director. Guiler ran last year but was defeated by Dr. T. H. White, Republican but if Guiler lands the plum he will have the hearty support of his colleagues in that ward. It is said, Dr. White has expressed anti-fiddle views, and as a man interested in the schools said this morning, "If both of them work in harmony, with Director James S. Durr bogging the Board to spend money for manual training and cut out some of the other hobbies, the man with the fiddle will have a hard time holding his job."

Guiler is opposed to music in the schools, especially when it is taught by the present methods.

"How can a man teach singing with a fiddle?" Guiler asks, and if the voters of that ward stand by him at the polls, the "No Fiddle" campaign will get in the School Board when it reorganizes next June.

J. N. Sisley of the First Ward has withdrawn as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Town Council. Sisley says his petition was filed without his knowledge or consent and he declines to permit his name on the ticket.

The Democrats are also in a bad way in the Third Ward for candidates for School Director. There will be two to elect in that ward, and while there are three Democratic nominations on file, two of the men state they will not make a canvass for the nomination. John J. Buttermore's petition was filed by the powers that be in the ward after he had positively refused to permit his name to be considered for the office. Although a life long Democrat, Mr. Buttermore has never participated actively in borough politics, and declares he does not intend to begin at this late date. Squire A. O. Bixler's name was also sent in, but the Borough Clerk is sidestepping. He declares he will not run for the position. This leaves W. R. Scott the only Democrat on the ticket for School Director. Dan Hildebrand is after the Republican nomination in that ward.

NEW ELEVATOR

Shortly to Be Installed in Second National Bank Building.

A new elevator will be installed in the Second National Bank building in the near future. The material has arrived for the job and as soon as it can be hauled to the building work will begin.

The new elevator will have greater speed than the present one which has failed to give satisfaction.

Torches Light Gas—3 Die.

MARQUETTE, Mich., Jan. 6.—(Special).—Three men were killed and one injured at the turnpikes of the Lake Superior Iron Steel & Chemical Company. The men passed through a gas filled room with lighted torches and the explosion resulted.

Bolton Will Prebated.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 6.—The will of Martha R. Bolton, late of Springhill township, has been admitted to probate. It provides that all property, both real and personal, shall go to her grandson, John Donald Bolton. The will is dated December 10, 1909.

Brakeman Sues for Damages.

Talith B. Golligors, through Attorneys McDonald & Cruz, has brought suit against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to recover \$45,000 damages for injuries sustained while he was employed as a brakeman for the company in 1908.

MORE DOUBLE TRACK RUMORS ON S. & C.

Through Train Then Probable Between Johnstown and Washington.

B. & O. IMPROVEMENTS COMING

This Year That Will Necessitate the Expenditure of \$80,000,000 and Among Them Will Probably Be New Low Grade Around Sand Patch.

There is good unofficial authority for the statement that the Somerset and Cambria branch is to be double tracked from Rockwood to Somerset and that the long contemplated extension of the Quenahoning branch into the Benscreek coal field Somerset county, has been authorized. This will in effect give the S. & C. a double track line from Rockwood through to Johnstown and as the new route will be much shorter than that along Stonycreek the B. & O. will be able to exert a strong pull on Baltimore & Washington passenger traffic from Johnstown points. It is suggested that a through train between Johnstown and those points will probably be inaugurated with the completion of the proposed new line.

The Somerset & Cambria branch is now much congested. It finds great difficulty in handling the enormous traffic which has developed and this traffic is still increasing steadily in volume. The building of the proposed branch has become imperative and the statement is made that the Keeney field will certainly be tapped at an early date. In connection with this it is asserted that the United Coal people are again negotiating for the Keeney holdings, options upon which were suffered to lapse some time ago.

The B. & O. is preparing to spend nearly \$80,000,000 in betterments this year. It has already authorized a number of big improvements and the word is out that a new low grade line route will be constructed in order to avoid the old Sand Patch tunnel. The B. & O. owns the old South Penn right of way through Somerset county and it is believed that this will be utilized for the new low grade line. Within a few days the B. & O. is expected to place an order for 70,000 tons of steel rails. It has in course of construction 110 locomotives and 10,000 freight cars, 2,000 of which are to be turned out by the Cambria Steel Company. Work on this order will begin in the Franklin plant probably next week. The demand for cars and for motive power on the S. & C. branch far exceeds the present supply and the railways are handicapped on this account.

WATSON IN THE DEAL FOR PITTSBURG COAL

Fairmont Company Said to Be Interested in Effort to Gain Control of Stock.

The latest development in connection with the contest for control of the Pittsburgh Coal Company was the statement yesterday that Clarence W. Watson, president of the Consolidation Coal Company of Fairmont, W. Va., with headquarters in Baltimore, was interested in the deal with B. F. Bush and others. It was also stated that the Eastern parties, who have acquired a large amount of the common and preferred stocks, would make public a statement in the very near future, perhaps this week.

These statements came to Pittsburgh from the East and were heard with no little interest in the financial community as well as by shareholders of the corporation who have not sold their stock and who have not signed the voting agreement. Mr. Watson heads what is next to the Pittsburgh Coal Company the largest and most important bituminous coal combination in the country, as it owns the Somerset Coal Company, the Fairmont Coal Company and has large holdings in the Georges creek region.

FEARFUL DEATH.

Fireman Perishes in Mash Vat at the Moss Distillery.

To die in the mash vat of a distillery was the fate of Joseph Geuzena, of Fitz Henry, a man who was employed as fireman at the Moss distillery. The gruesome discovery of the fireman's dead body was made at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning by Superintendent Foust, who is in charge of the Moss distillery at that place. Geuzena was employed at the distillery to fire the boilers. How he managed to get into the vat is not known, but he sank down in the soft mixture until he was smothered. He was 47 years of age and married.

The News of Nearby Towns.

DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Jan. 5.—John Wishart was a visitor in Pittsburgh Tuesday.

Thomas Peterson in "Rip Van Winkle" at the Edison Theatre Saturday, matinee and night, January 8. Seats now on sale.

Tommy Bunn of Conneltsville, was here Tuesday on business.

Miss Carrie Hays, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Hays, at Seneca for the past few weeks, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Ella Martin, who has been the guest of friends at Seneca for the past two weeks, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Isaac Lemon and little daughter, who have been the guests of Mrs. Lemon at Seneca for the past few weeks, returned home Tuesday.

W. T. Kenyon of Uniontown, was here Tuesday on business.

Frank McFarland, the local insurance agent, was a business caller in Pittsburgh Monday.

James O. Martin left Monday for Miami, Oklahoma, where he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin.

Alexander Lisenberg, who has been visiting friends and relatives at Hazleton, returned home Tuesday.

J. W. Dwyer of Pittsburgh, was here Tuesday calling on friends.

W. H. Moore of Greensburg, was here Tuesday visiting friends.

Edgar McGee, who is employed at Greensburg, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McGee.

Samuel Dwyer, who spent a vacation here the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer, left Tuesday for Philadelphia, where he will resume his studies at the Jefferson Medical College in that city.

Clarence Leckman, who has been here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Leckman, left Tuesday to resume his studies at Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

Miss Pearl Munkin left Wednesday for Van Wert, where she will be the guest of friends.

John McDowell has resigned his position as warehouseman at the Pennsylvania station. Clyde Polk is now home on furlough.

John S. Mitchell left Wednesday for Youngwood, where he will hold down one of the telegraph boards for a few days.

George Wishart left Tuesday for Pittsburgh where he will undergo an operation at the Columbia hospital in Williamsburg.

The Pennsylvania railroad station is having the interior brightened up by a new coat of paint.

Miss Walter Shuman was visiting in Pittsburgh Tuesday.

Miss Charles and Cecil Smith who have been here guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith, of Speers Hill, left Tuesday for Lewisburg, Pa., where they will resume their studies at Bucknell University.

Mrs. J. A. Guller of Conneltsville, was here Wednesday the guests of friends.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will hold its regular meeting Friday evening at the home of Mrs. R. A. Rodley at Speers Hill. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. E. E. Kerr, who has been visiting friends in Pittsburgh returned home Wednesday.

Miss Della Calhoun, who was formerly chief operator at the Bell telephone office and who was three months ago transferred to the Conneltsville office, was returned to the local office of January 1st.

Miss Jean Wishart left Wednesday to visit her brother, George, who is visiting in the Columbia hospital, Williamsburg.

OHIOVILLE.

OHIOVILLE, Jan. 5.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lathrop, of Nicolay, Tuesday, January 1, triplet, two girls and a boy. The children are well developed and healthy. The boy weighs six pounds and the girls five pounds each.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels of near Maple Summit were visiting relatives here Wednesday.

T. W. Fleming was in Conneltsville on business Wednesday.

Mrs. M. Robinson and daughter, Miss May, accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Katherine Hochstetler, left Saturday for their home at Fresno, after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hochstetler.

Mrs. Sarah Miller and children of Seale Level, had their household belongings moved here, where they will take up their future home on Lower Commercial street.

A. J. Jeffries of Sugar Land, spent Tuesday on business near Nicolay.

James Melley of Conneltsville, was in town on business Wednesday.

Frank McGee was calling on Conneltsville friends Tuesday.

W. D. Hillebrand, proprietor of the Ohioville House, was transacting business in Somerset county Wednesday.

Mrs. Sulphur Lake of the extension bridge, was visiting friends here yesterday.

BERLIN.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—A. P. Raymon of Davidson was a business visitor in town Saturday.

County Commissioner H. P. Ray was greeting friends here last week.

Homer Kirk of Pine Hill, was in town Saturday evening.

Harriet Smith of Hazleton, was a business visitor here Saturday.

M. Shober and family of Hazleton, were visitors here Saturday.

Rev. A. J. Rodwell left Monday for Uniontown, where he will attend a session to the members of the Lutheran congregation Monday evening.

Mrs. J. M. Berkey, who spent several weeks here with her mother, Mrs. Jacob Lane, returned to her home in Pittsburgh Saturday.

Miss Annie Gorn left Monday for Uniontown at her home Mrs. Florence and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Florence and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Florence.

The funeral of George Bennett took place from the home of his brother, Frank Bennett, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Short services were conducted at the house by Rev. S. W. Hyman of the M. E. Church, Interment in L. O. cemetery.

W. T. Gandy of the township, has been confined to his home the past week with rheumatism.

How's That?

We offer one of our Dollars for the cure of any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. J. J. Cheney, Toledo, O.

We have understood, have known of J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him.

Madeline Kilman & Martin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 50c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



REASONABLE CONCLUSION.
Farmer Hiram—My boy, you do not expect me to—
The kid—'I don't' don't, boss. De bar-ber shops is all closed today.



A SUBSTITUTE.
The Merchant—But I need no help at present.
The Applicant—D—don't you ever take no vacation, wot?

CONFLUENCE.

CONFLUENCE, Jan. 5.—Miss Edith Masters of Johnstown is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Masters, of town.

Miss Ethel Parnell returned home Tuesday after a week's visit with friends.

Miss Maude Dean of Bradock, passed through town Tuesday evening on her return from spending the holidays in Audubon.

Paul Lister of Walsomville, returned to his home here after spending the holiday vacation with his parents.

John Spindler of Lisenberg, was a business caller here yesterday.

Miss Katherine Swan of Weston, W. Va., returned home Tuesday after spending two weeks here with her mother, Mrs. Agnes Swan.

Robert Jacobs of Somersville, was a business caller in town Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Tannehill, who have been the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Nell, at Somersville, the past week, returned home.

Miss Julia Lister of Walsomville, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. L. S. De-bolt, Tuesday and Wednesday. She left Wednesday afternoon for Selinsgrove.

Word was received here that S. H. Crow and family arrived at their new home near Jackson, Fla., and are enjoying the beautiful summer weather.

P. E. Vincent of Markleton, was calling on friends here yesterday.

Miss Maggie Nickles is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Alice Langhoffer.

Ed Young, B. & O. Bremen, who has been spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young, left yesterday for Conneltsville.

Rev. A. K. Trevis, pastor of the M. E. Church, preached the funeral sermon of the late Miss Rosa Kling, at Humbert, Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Edna Boggs entertained at five hundred Tuesday evening the following guests: Misses Theresa Hawke, Laura Martini and William Wood.

Misses Fred McMillen, Elliott Beggs and Wilbur Davis.

MT. PLEASANT.

MT. PLEASANT, Jan. 5.—Captain J. L. Lahr, of the Spanish American War, and local dentist, fell on the icy pavement in front of the Broadway building yesterday morning and remained in a comatose for several hours.

He was quickly removed to the Memorial hospital where he regained consciousness later. It was found that the only injury received from the fall was a surface wound on his head. Last evening he was taken to his home on College avenue.

Account of his weight and age probably the wound will cause him to be confined for some time.

R. Tannehill, a local shoe dealer, was in Pittsburgh yesterday on business.

The Anchor Glass Company, contrary to the official statement made and the breaking of the week that it would resume work Monday morning, started work this morning, after a two years' shut down of two years. Only six shops, employing about 75 people, are running but within another week the entire 25 shops will be at work.

Most of the shops will be employed when it is running in full.

M. Woodhill of Morkantown, W. Va., is visiting friends here.

Outside of paying the regular monthly bills practically nothing was done at the monthly meeting of the School Board held in the High School building last evening. All the directors were present.

The State Factory Inspector made his first appearance in town Wednesday. He made a round of the local theatres and ordered several small improvements. In one case the operating room must be entirely lined with asbestos.

Hughes T. King spent Wednesday evening with his parents at Old Bethany.

"Coke Tom's Cabin" will be the next theatrical attraction here. It will appear in the Grand Opera House January 11th.

The Armo Grocery on Main street, closed up yesterday. This was the oldest stand of its kind in town.

PERRYPOLE.

PERRYPOLE, Jan. 5.—Messrs. Ole Chaffant and Claude Liden, students at the University of Pittsburgh, left for the Smoky City this morning where they will renew their studies.

The Smoky City Players of New York, will be the third attraction in the Auditorium Friday evening of this week.

Hiram Hays resumed his work in the Carnegie Technical Schools Monday, after spending the holiday vacation with his mother.

A series of recital services will be held in the M. E. Church beginning Sunday evening. Rev. C. P. Salady is presiding.

W. and presents the teachings in a convenient manner.

Walter B. Hurdley left yesterday for Uniontown where he will resume his studies in the University.

The annual election of officers of the Christian Bible School was held last Sunday. Those elected to serve for the ensuing year are as follows: Howard Adams, Superintendent; J. H. Cunningham, Assistant Superintendent; Margaret Blair, Secretary; Emma Bradley, Assistant Secretary; Maud Martin, Treasurer; Jessie Schlegel, Organist; Mrs. Galley, Superintendent of Home Department; and Mrs. M. E. Carson, Superintendent of Cradle Roll.

Read the advertisements carefully.

SMITHFIELD.

SMITHFIELD, Jan. 5.—The fourth and last attraction in the public school lecture course will be Fred and Arlin Bright, at the Town Hall, Friday evening, January 11. Subject, "Is Marriage a Failure?"

Gone, little daughter of Mrs. C. A. Grannell, is seriously ill from a complication of ailments.

I. F. Black was in Uniontown on business Tuesday.

The Borough Council succeeded in getting a quorum at their regular meeting Tuesday evening, with President Guther, Monteth, Miller and Poy present.

On Councilman's Motion, the Borough Council passed a resolution to have a section of Geneva street in by taking out from under it there by putting in a sewer.

The travelling public, a motion prevailed that the company be notified to repair same and put the street and walks in as good condition as they were before.

The secretary was instructed to notify the company of the action of Council and in the event of any more falls in the street that the company immediately place proper danger signals so as to prevent accidents.

The following bills were read and ordered drawn for payment: Curly Show, gas for street lights, etc., \$8. E. P. Black, gas for street lamps, \$12.35; Tom Moore, removing street lamp, \$1; H. O'Neil, surveying notices, postage, etc., \$6.75. Total, \$17.50.

Jerry Jones Post, No. 511, G. A. R., will hold camp in the Town Hall, on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12. A committee of arrangements appointed at a meeting of the Post last Saturday are preparing a program.

Harry Lewis died at the home of his father, Thomas Lewis, on Geneva street, from tuberculosis. He had but recently returned from a Pittsburgh hospital where he had been undergoing treatment.

DAWSON.

DAWSON, Jan. 5.—Miss Eva Wright, who has been spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wright, returned Tuesday to her studies at Washington Seminary.

Thomas Jefferson of City, Van Winkle" at the Edison Theatre Saturday, matinee and night, January 8. Seats now on sale.

Mrs. C. P. McGibbons was calling on friends in Conneltsville Tuesday.

Clarence Planklin was the guest of friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Heli, who has been spending the past month here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Somers, returned Tuesday to her home at Johnstown.

Miss Mattie Gifford is at Smithfield the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Gifford.

There will be preaching services in the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited to attend.

Donna Hickey left for Jackson, Mich., Tuesday, where he has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Menzies of Monaca, were calling on friends here Tuesday.

Clyde Gottom of Conneltsville, was a business caller here Monday.

Miss Zoe Harty is in town home from visit with the Misses Reed, of Scotland.

L. R. Kings was a business caller at Pittsburgh Monday.

Miss Mabel Wertz returned to Pittsburgh Tuesday to resume her studies.

Miss H. Howell, who had been called upon at the Cottage State hospital for appendicitis, was able to return home Saturday and is reported to be doing nicely.

Miss Tom Gifford was calling on friends in Vanderbilt Tuesday.

G. H. Remond of Uniontown, was calling on friends here Monday.

DICKERSON RUN.

DICKERSON RUN, Jan. 5.—Lloyd McNear is off duty on account of illness.

Truman Oliver A. A. Allen has been very busy since the holidays rounding up the tenants.

George Dentley, St. has returned home after spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. L. W. Addis, of South Sharon, Pa.

Mrs. Connel Schmitzberger was in Conneltsville Tuesday.

Mrs. Lizzie St. John, who has been visiting friends at Scotland has returned home.

Mrs. McGarity of Lisenberg No. 1, was in town on business yesterday.

Conductor Casper Black, who has had a long attack of pneumonia is able to be about again.

Mrs. Mollie Ware of Scotland, has returned home after spending the holidays with friends here.

OWENSDALE.

OWENSDALE, Jan. 5.—The Woman's Bible Class of the United Brethren Church, which met last evening, was well attended.

The class was well represented and a miscellaneous program was carried out consisting of singing, prayer and an address by the pastor.

Mrs. Leichter served the glass with a dainty lunch. All present enjoyed themselves very much. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. J. Nicola. The influence of this newly organized class is being felt in the community.

At Half-Past-Three, All trimmed and untrimmed hats, at McFarland's.

MEYERSDALE.

MEYERSDALE, Jan. 5.—The Borough Council met in regular session last evening. All members were present. The usual bills were paid, and Burgess Relet reported \$18 fines and licenses collected for the month of December.

The Finance Committee was ordered to prepare the borough ordinance for printing in pamphlet form and report at next regular meeting.

It was also ordered that the names of persons owing the borough and the amounts paid be reported to the next meeting of the borough auditors to be published about March 1st.

There are a number of these accounts for street paving and the like and it is thought that the order to print the names will have a wholesome effect along the line of paying up delinquencies.

John S. Graves returned last evening from Sober, W. Va., where he has been the guest of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warr.

Mr. Graves' stay there he had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with his brand new grandson, which happens to be his first and only grandchild.

W. M. Clifton of Clinton Brothers, proprietors of the City Drug Store, has returned from a visit with his parents at Slippery Rock.

The remains of Mrs. Wilson Walmer, who died Sunday night at the family home near Deal, this county, were brought here this afternoon and interred in the cemetery.

The funeral services were conducted in the Church of the Brethren, South Side, by Rev. D. K. Graves.

Word was received here yesterday of the death at West Newton of Herman Raueh, a former well known resident of this county.

R. J. Bowman of Berlin and William Dietz of Johnstown, were here on business Tuesday.

Three will be a grand rally of men in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Sunday at 2:30 P. M., in the interest of the Lutheran Missionary Movement.

Among other attractions there will be music by a chorus of 30 male voices, besides a speech by P. S. Boyce of Pittsburgh, and Rev. Dr. L. B. Wolf of Baltimore.

The following well known gentlemen will direct the meeting: Fred W. H. Kratzman, chairman; I. W. H. Pilot, secretary, and I. M. Cook, clerk.

The following candidates for borough offices have filed their papers with the County Commissioner: Republican, W. M. Daucherty and W. H. Dill, judges of election; inspectors, Chas. Pitt and Charles Benis; school directors, D. A. Pilot, J. M. Gungay, assessors, Emory Gungay, John S. Dwyer, Saylor, George Taylor; auditor, E. J. Dickey, Democrat; judge of election, C. A. Gungay; clerk, J. S. Dwyer; registrar, F. P. Boyce, C. J. Bowman; council, L. W. Wankland, Henry Gungay, J. S. Dwyer, C. A. Gungay, auditor, W. H. Ryland. Socialist, judge of election, William H. Ryland; inspector, John H. Robertson, school directors, Louis Cohen, Clayton S. Walker, council, William Carter and John P. Willard.

VANDERBILT.

VANDERBILT, Jan. 5.—The Domestic Clinic meets tonight and all members are requested to be present.

Thomas Jefferson of City, Van Winkle" at the Edison Theatre Saturday, matinee and night, January 8. Seats now on sale.

Henry Bailey was in Pittsburgh yesterday visiting friends.

Mr. Heli, of the firm of Doyle & Heli, Conneltsville, was here on business Tuesday.

C. Gardner of Dawson, was a business caller here yesterday.

William Johnson, Jr., was a business caller in Conneltsville yesterday.

William, the young son of W. A. Coakrove, who has been ill for a few days is improving.

Jack Donovan of Lisenberg, was here today calling on friends.

ROCKWOOD.

ROCKWOOD, Jan. 5.—It has just become known that Miss Alice Taylor and H. P. Bailey were united in marriage on New Year's night. The newly wed will reside at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Walker with spring.

H. P. Fisher was given the new second section of the Rockwood tower here.

Ralph Lipsett of Casselman, is in town today visiting friends and looking after his business interests.

Mr. H. H. Baker, county auditor for this place, is in Somerset auditing accounts.

Miss Maggie Dollava, who has been ill at her home on Water street, for some time, is improving.

ILLEGAL LIQUOR SELLING.

Charged Against Five Boarding Houses in the Klondike.

Constables J. J. Sisk and M. H. Morris on information made by J. J. Sisk, Daniel Biorer by County Detective Alex McBoth yesterday arrested Slim on Hingoli, Vincent Donnelly, Mike Shushasker, Alex Cunclebrook and Lewis Holyoke as agents for brewing and distilling companies outside of Fayette county.

It is claimed that the prisoners have been acting as agents for the wet goods companies along the river from Ronce and have disposed of the liquors for the past few months. All are boarding bosses and are alleged to have disposed of the liquors to their boarders and also have circulated their wares at the works in the Klondike region.

St. Elmo's Fire.

St. Elmo's fire is a peculiar condition of the atmosphere in which a luminous glow, such as often occurs in fair weather, when by supposed induction and insulation, pointed objects projecting high above surrounding objects become surcharged with the electric fluid, and a brush discharge takes place, without audible noise, but with a feeble luminous glow. It has been observed on spires, on the masts and spars of ships.

At Half-Past-Three.

All trimmed and untrimmed hats, at McFarland's.

January Clearance Sale of

PIANOS

Only a limited number of our large stock of holiday Pianos are left which we are going to dispose of at greatly reduced prices. Some slightly marred during the Christmas rush, some taken in exchange, and others which we have been renting.

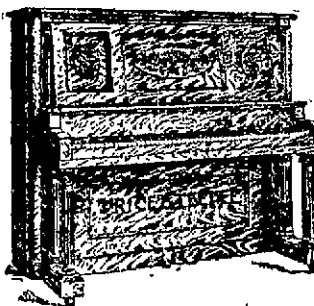
An Extraordinary Opportunity to Secure Splendid New Instruments at Prices to Suit Everybody.

Used Pianos

\$250 Mahogany, now\$98
\$250 Ebony Finish, now\$118
\$350 Ebony Finish, now\$125
\$320 Fancy Mahogany, now\$165
\$350 Medium Mahogany, now\$200
\$350 French Walnut, now\$205

New Pianos

\$260 Dark Mahogany, now\$221
\$290 Mahogany, now\$247
\$350 French Walnut, now\$297
\$375 San Domingo Mahogany, \$318
\$400 Dark Oak, now\$340
\$440 Flemish Oak, now\$375
\$500 Mahogany, now\$425



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THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 6, 1910.

The Wisdom and Folly Of Conneltsville Coke Men.

The Conneltsville coke merger failed, it is true, but that in no reason why the independent or open-market Conneltsville operators should continue to give a liberal if not the lion's share of their profits to the broker, who has not a dollar invested in plants and properties, but who occupies the same relation to the trade as the festive Kitty does to the sometimes fast and furious and uncertain, but always Great American Game.

There are millions of dollars invested in the Conneltsville coke regions. It is not good policy for the persons who have this royal fortune invested to permit a man who has not a dollar in it to dominate the market and dictate the price of a commodity which he does not produce and in which he has no interest save his selling commission.

Yet a few brokers or dealers in Conneltsville coke have not been content with a fair brokerage profit, nor have they at any time betrayed a disposition to serve their masters faithfully. They have represented themselves first, the consumers second, the producer last. The operator has been the football. He has been kicked right and left over the field with no regard to his feelings. He has the incense piekin. The brokers have been the players and the participants in the game receipts.

There is no reason why the market price of Conneltsville coke during 1910 should not be three dollars per ton. It did not rise to that figure quite, not because the demand did not justify the price, but because the broker broke the coalition.

It is time for the coke operators to drop petty jealousies and get together. If they feel that they cannot actually merge their interests in one big company, we see no reason why they should not merge their selling interests in the hands of one first-class sales agency, employed jointly by them and working earnestly for the good of the operators instead of the profit of the consumers.

Do the independent operators of the Conneltsville region forget that they had such an agency at one time and that during the period of its ascendancy they never prospered better in spite of the fact that the agency took all the responsibility and consequently the major portion of the profits?

The independent coke operators of the Conneltsville region do not now need the services of a Coke Syndicate. They are big enough to finance their own game. They do need, however, a merger of their selling departments for the purpose of putting an end to price-cutting, and the sooner they consider this proposition the better off they will be.

Conneltsville coke is admittedly the best furnace fuel in the world and Conneltsville coke operators in active periods of iron production can command their own price for their own production if they but go about the matter right. The right way to go about it is to unify their interests in the manner indicated.

THIS BROKERAGE BUCCANER IS ALL FOR HIMSELF. HE TAKES HIS TOLL FROM THE FURNACEMAN AS WELL AS THE COKE OPERATOR. BOTH WILL BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT HIM. HE WILL BE A GOOD RIDDANCE TO ALL INTERESTED. HE IS A DISTURBER OF THE COMMERCIAL PEACE. WHEN THE COKE INTERESTS DEAL DIRECTLY THEY WILL DEAL MORE PROFITABLY FOR EACH OTHER.

The selling agency might include some operations which supply consuming interests, but which at times have coke to sell in the open market, and this element in the situation might become a factor for general good. It would tend to promote the establishment of a fair price for coke at all seasons, to steady the market, to insure continued prosperity to all interests.

All these conditions would be reflected in the iron trade, and the result would be gratifying to furnacemen.

IN THIS ERA OF CONSERVATION AND CONSOLIDATION, THE OWNERS OF THE FINEST FURNACE FUEL IN THE WORLD HAVE BEEN UNUSUALLY REMISS IN THE CONSERVATION OF THEIR OWN INTERESTS.

IT IS UP TO THEM TO GET TOGETHER AND GET THE FULL BENEFIT OF THEIR BUSINESS.

THE CATCHING SPIRIT OF PROGRESS.

Infectious, contagious, catching is the spirit of progress; and we are pleased and proud to note that the public spirit and progress of Conneltsville has been communicated to other neighboring communities.

Chintown, which always follows Conneltsville, is now struggling with a recalcitrant Town Council for the large measure of expansion which will be necessary to its getting into Conneltsville's class in the coming census.

Moudt Menaunt is trying to enlarge its boundaries, is kicking vigorously against the loss of any portion of its population immediate or contributory and is industriously planning how to build up the town.

Scottdale, always alive, is looking further for further enlargement.

And even Brownsville, long somewhat isolated, is beginning to change the bit and betry symptoms of punning away.

The Conneltsville coke region is not decadent. It is just getting its second wind.

The war between Secretary Ballinger and Forester Pinchot will be the subject of a Congressional investigation and upon this report the controversy will be determined so far as the public is concerned. Much has been said on both sides and the public generally has withheld its judgment. The fact that Secretary Ballinger was the counsel of certain oiling interests in Alaska is not necessarily condemnatory.

Congressman John Tener is trying to punch a hole in the lightning and he is quite likely to succeed. When a good-looking, good fellow gets aggressive in private or public life he is going to be heard from.

Governor Hughes aspires to be a Boss Governor. Though a good man the president he would set would be decidedly bad.

The blizzard is approaching.

The disagreement between the Bureau and some of the Conneltsville committees concerning the responsibility for enforcing the borough ordinance would not be wise and a little class city charter. The borough law, unfortunately, makes the burgess the

chief executive officer, but takes from him the powers of his office. He may not appoint or dismiss the police. A committee of the Council does that for him.

The statistical mania seems to be growing in Fayette county. It is not a good thing to boom.

The Chamber of Commerce will no doubt have an interesting meeting this evening. The managers have been doing things between times.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.
A poor excuse is better than none, especially if it works.

Too many eye openers are apt to make a man see double.

Great minds that run in the same channel frequently collide.

The price of a woman's stunning gown is a shock to her husband.

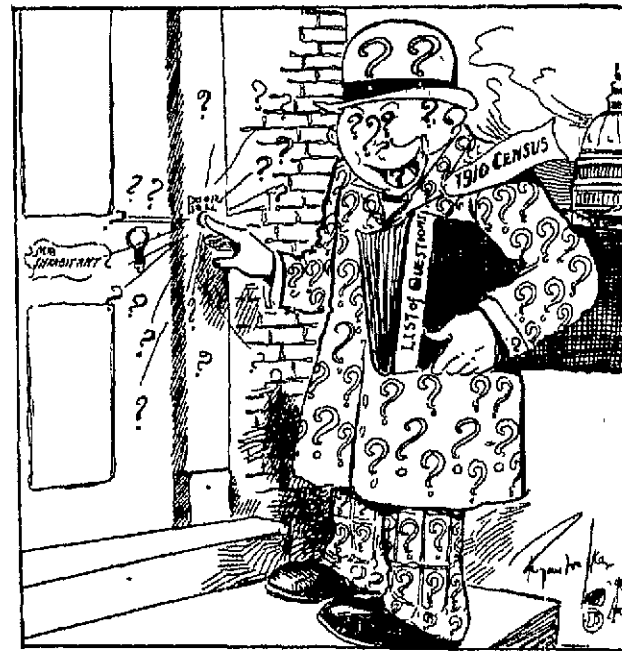
Some celebrities are famous and others notorious.

There are some men you can't bribe. You haven't money enough.

The man who knows it all seldom makes good when it comes to action.



THE BARTENDER—Don't you drinking a little more than usual tonight?
MR. WILSON—Yes, my wife has got a cold in the head and she won't be able to smell it on me.



A Questionable Character from Washington is at our door.

Government Expense Accounts Furnish Some Surprising Facts.

United Press Special.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Government expense accounts are funny things.

Why should it cost a clerk in the Interior Department five times as much to go to a certain point in the State of Washington as it does for the Secretary, his superior officer, to make a trip to Honolulu and certain Western points?

Why should it cost the Commissioner of the General Land Office only one-half what it costs the clerk that accompanied him on the same trip?

Why should it cost a man in the Interior Department seven or eight times as much to take a trip down to Alabama, Mississippi and Florida as it does for an employee of the Postoffice Department to go to Spokane, Portland and San Francisco?

Why is it that a very large proportion of the big travel items that are turned in by Government employees seem to be for trips to the South in winter and to the North in the summer time?

According to the accounts of the Postmaster General, Secretary of the Interior and the Interstate Commerce Commission, submitted to Congress for its approval one of the clerks in the General Land Office is the most expensive traveler in the Government.

He turned in a bill for \$7,747.55 on account of a trip to the State of Washington to examine surveys in the division of the Indian Reservation "Washington." If the reservation had not been diminished by the Indians curiously giving away or selling their land, this clerk's expense account would possibly have been some larger.

In July, 1908, Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of the Interior and various points in Western States and spent only \$1,087, or much less than one-fifth of what it cost the Land Office clerk to make the same trip.

The smallest account submitted to the General Land Office is that of R. L. Andrus, superintendent of the mail lock repair shop of the Postoffice Department, who made a trip over to Bridgeport, Conn., to inspect a traveling machine that the department thought of buying. Andrus' expenditure that he actually blew in \$2.85 of the Government's good money for this junket.

It should be mentioned, however, that the department's travel free on the same trip. Possibly Mr. Andrus was entertained by friends in the various places visited, while his clerk had to put up at hotels.

There is a question in the minds of the Congressmen that when Secretary Ballinger of the Interior Department travels he pays some of the expenses himself. If he doesn't go down his own pocket he must get reduced rates at the hotels. Last summer the Secretary took a trip to various points in Montana, Nebraska and Wyoming, and the bill he turned in was only \$1,577.72. Perhaps he avoided the expenses of traveling on the trains and eating lunches carried from Washington.

Hot Springs, Arkansas; The Welles, New Hampshire; Denver, Wisconsin and Chicago seem to be popular summer points toward which to travel on Government business in the hottest months of the year. Southern California, New Orleans and Texas, in the winter time.

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF FAYETTE, ss.

I, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared James J. Ballinger, who being duly sworn according to law, did depose and say:

That he is the circulation of the "Daily Courier," a daily newspaper published in Conneltsville, Pa., and that the number of copies printed during the week ending Saturday, January 1st, 1910,

December 27, 1909, 8,870
December 28, 8,900
December 29, 7,417
December 30, 8,900
December 31, 8,900
January 1, 9,133

Total 58,650
Daily Average 8,443
That the daily circulation by months for 1909 was as follows:

1909
Month. Copies. Avg.
January 13,725 8,645
February 13,100 8,445
March 13,725 8,645
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May 13,725 8,645
June 13,725 8,645
July 13,725 8,645
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TOWNSHIP WANTS CASH ROAD TAX.

East Huntingdon Will Try to
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AND SECURE SOME STATE AID

Y. M. C. A. Meetings Will Be Held in Churches Next Sunday—Country People Look Gloomily on the Thawing Weather.

SCOTSDALE, Jan. 6.—Citizens of East Huntingdon township are going to make a move to get up in the van of progress instead of being about the last thing to come down the pike in some things. There will be an effort to secure the cash road tax law in this township at the February election and thus put the township on a basis to receive aid from the State and take a place with other townships of the county that have the cash tax proposition on hand, and that have received much benefit therefrom. The proposition is to be voted on, and nearly everywhere that it is tried it is voted in favor of. It has been in use in many townships and has proven much superior to the old fashioned multiple-voting road system. The fact that townships as they are put up to the question nearly all vote in the same way by voting in favor of the proposition and after trying it with the help of the State, and they are getting away ahead on better roads. While all the townships around have been getting State roads, East Huntingdon township has been sitting in a corner doing nothing.

The Coming Services.
The week of prayer services held last night at the Presbyterian Church with a sermon by Rev. R. D. Mangel, D. D., pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on "Unity of the Church," was well attended, although the weather was disagreeable. The services tonight will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church when Rev. N. W. Burtner, pastor of the United Brethren Church, will preach on "Loss of Power." The Friday evening meeting, which closes the week, will be held in the United Brethren Church, and the sermon will be by Rev. J. E. Hutcheon, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, his topic being "Marching Orders."

A Slippery Day.
The weather yesterday made itself felt very unpleasantly on the streets, most deceptive glazes of ice covering the walks about noon. Many people fell on the treacherous sidewalks, the walks, looking very innocent but being covered with dirt, and it was hard to see, and easy to find. Miss Margaret Goshorn was one of those who fell and suffered most, injuring herself so that she was not able to return to her work as a stenographer at the Fick office. Others were reported who were not severely injured.

Will Attend Theater.
Many of the teachers and pupils of the Scottdale schools will go to see Thomas Jefferson as "Rip Van Winkle" at the Scottdale theater in Conneltsville this evening and Sunday.

Car Left the Track.
A West End car left the switch on Broadway at the bridge yesterday afternoon and struck a pole nearby. The car left on the points of the switch, but was soon put back on the track, the damage being trifling.

Coming on Monday.
"A Girl of the Mountains" will play a return engagement at Geyer's opera house on Monday evening, and on Wednesday evening at Martin's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," with the usual midday parade, will be the attraction.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held next Sunday in the churches of town, at which a morning or evening meeting will be given over to the Association. The afternoon meeting at 3 o'clock will be held at Geyer's opera house, with special music, and a talk by a noted worker.

Roads Still Good.
The country people are hoping that this rain and thawing weather will go no further as the roads are still in good condition and will remain so with a bit of colder weather. The roads have been in fine condition since early last year, and it is hoped that they will continue so through this winter, which will be the case if the cold weather remains long enough to keep them frozen up.

Two Big Attractions.
"The Great Divide" at the Soloson theatre Friday, Jan. 7. Seats now on sale; and "Thomas Jefferson in the immortal play 'Rip Van Winkle' Saturday, matinee and night, Jan. 8. The two most important dramatic events of the season. Both phones.

They Almost Won.
Untown almost won from the Homestead team last night. They came within 11 points of scoring a victory. Although missing many easy goals, the Untown players "seemed anxious to land the mark" as a Untown morning paper explains.

Stallion Patchen Wilkes Dies.
Lexington, Ky., Jan. 6.—News were received here from Danville, Ill., that the famous stallion Patchen Wilkes is dead at the stock farm of I. C. McVey at the age of twenty-eight years.

Options Are Being Sought on 50,000 Acres of Henry Clay Coal.

Options on 50,000 acres of coal land in Henry Clay township and vicinity are desired by an eastern syndicate, representatives of which are now visiting farmers in Henry Clay and making propositions for options.

Details of the plan and the identity of the purchaser company have not been learned, but a prominent Henry Clay township resident in speaking of the matter said he had been approached for options and had been told that the company would like to option 50,000 acres.

It is not considered likely that any company can secure options on more than 20,000 acres in that section, as several thousand acres have already been secured by Fayette county people and by other parties.

D. B. Zimmerman of Somerset owns large tracts of Henry Clay coal.

Practically all of the land from the Yough river to the crest of the mountain is underlain with coal. The Fayette

port is the principal vein, but there are said to be three or four distinct veins. Untown people say that the Ashbury Carroll seam in Untown township is seven feet in thickness.

While several large tracts of Henry Clay coal have been bought up, there has never been any wild scramble for holdings there and in the past the prevailing price has been from \$15 to \$20 per acre. It has not been learned what offers are now being made by the eastern syndicate.

Henry Clay coal is at an average depth of about 50 to 60 feet and it outcrops at Hamleton and Tub Run. There has been no mining except for local consumption. Untown people express doubt that the coal there is adapted for coke and say it would probably be purely furnace coal. In many places it could be easily mined, but in other there would be more or less difficulty.

THE ATLANTIC LINERS.

Signs, Signals and Flags Used by the Various Companies.

It is said that but comparatively few of the many thousands of persons that each year patronize the various lines of steamships crossing the Atlantic are familiar with the various distinguishing signs and signals employed by the vessels of the respective companies. Yet it is a very easy thing to tell at a glance to what line any given ship belongs—the American line, for instance.

About all that one must remember in the case of the vessels of our own line is that the funnels are black, each with its white band. When you see an Atlantic liner at night with a blue light forward, a red light amidships and a blue light aft, you know at once that she is of the American line.

All Cunarders show a red funnel with black rings and a black top, while the night signals consist of a blue light and two red candles, each throwing out six blue balls.

There are but two of the leading transatlantic lines the ships of which carry cream colored funnels—the North German Lloyd and the Holland-American line. The first employs a perfectly plain funnel without any other color than cream, and the latter shows a cream funnel with a white band and green borders. Signals displayed at night by these lines are, in the case of the North German Lloyd, two blue red lights, one forward and one aft, and, in the case of the Holland-American line, a green light forward and aft, with a white light under the bridge.

Two lines use buff funnels, the White Star and the Hamburg-American, the difference between the two being that, while the former shows a black top, the latter is plain buff throughout. White Star night signals are two green lights flashed simultaneously.

Quite a number of lines carry black funnels—the American with a white band, as mentioned above; the Anchor, which is entirely black; the Bristol, with a variegated and fancy top; the Black Smokestack being relieved by a white band in the center and a blue star in the middle of the white band. In the regular service of the Hamburg-American line, as distinguished from the express service, we find that the color is plain black, while the Red Star is black with a white band and a black top.

The Scandinavian-American and the Wilson lines have red and black funnels, black in the first case with a red top and red funnel with a black top in the second.

The red funnel of the French line has a black top similar to the funnels of other lines, but with different proportions of color. On this line the night signals are a blue light forward, a white light amidships and a red light aft, forming the French tricolor.

At night the Anchor line of vessels shows a white light, then a red. The Bristol displays a green light only. The Hamburg-American ships for both services, regular and express, show two red-white-blue lights in quick succession at the stern. The Red Star displays three red lights, one forward, one aft and one amidships, all flashed together. The Scandinavian line employs one white-red, followed by one red-white light, and the Wilson puts out two red lights about sixty feet apart.

It will be observed from the foregoing that the night signals of all the different lines vary, while the funnels in some cases are very similar. This, however, does not lead to confusion, for in determining the line to which a vessel belongs one must also take into consideration the flag or pennant she flies. Every line, of course, carries a different "house flag," as it is called.

The flag of the Cunard line is red with a golden lion in the center, while that of the White Star vessels is of the same color, but swallowtail in shape and containing a white star. The house flag of the Red Star line is exactly the same as that of the White Star company with the colors reversed—flag white, star red.

The flag of the Hamburg-American line is an elaborate affair—white and blue diagonally quartered with a black anchor and a yellow shield in the center. The North German Lloyd flag is a handsome one, showing a design of a key and an anchor crossed in the center of a laurel wreath in blue on a white field.

The Atlantic Transport line flies a pretty flag of red, white and blue horizontal bars, with stars—Edwin Torrance in Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

If a thing is possible and proper to man, deem it possible to thee.—Marcus Aurelius.

THE EDITOR'S REPLY.

It Got to the Wrong Man, Who Reported the Result.

"A temperance lecturer once came to Virginia city," said Mark Twain, "and in his lecture he cited the case of a young Nevadaian who had died from the effects of a half pint of brandy."

"The case was a well known one, but it had been a pint of whisky, not a half pint of brandy, that had killed the youth, and consequently I as 'Answers to Correspondents' man on the Enterprise wasn't astonished when I got this letter the day after the lecture:

"To settle a bet please state in your valuable paper whether the young man referred to in last night's temperance lecture drank half pint of brandy or a pint of whisky. Constant Reader."

"My reply to this was:

"Constant Reader.—A pint of whisky."

"The reply appeared, as was our rule, the week after its receipt, but meanwhile a schoolteacher had written in for a cold cure. The schoolteacher, too, had adopted the signature of 'Constant Reader,' and he mistook our other correspondent's answer for his own. Luckily, though, he had a good constitution, and the next day he wrote in to us:

"Dear Editor.—Thanks for valuable cure. It worked splendidly. The cold is completely gone now, and nothing remains but a bad headache from the pint of whisky. Constant Reader."

Soothing the Weary.
Mrs. Packer is a tactful woman, skillful and calm, as is shown by the way she handles her sometimes unruly husband.

Mr. Packer came home very late the other night from an important political gathering. In the hall he kicked up rather a row, growling and swearing to himself till his wife called to him from upstairs:

"What's the matter, my dear?"
"Matter—sure is," Mr. Packer shouted, "that there's two barnecks here, and I dunno which one to hang my hat on."

"But you've got two hats, haven't you?" said Mrs. Packer soothingly. "Hang one on each rack and come up to bed. You're tired."

She Won.
James' wife had a rather hard time, as a rule, to coax money out of him for new clothes, although he always wanted to see her well groomed. She wanted a new dress, and she wanted it badly, so she resorted to diplomacy. At breakfast she said:

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Mary and Matrimony.

By Cecilia A. Loizeaux.

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I KNOW just how you feel, Dick, but I don't see how it can be helped. When I became engaged to you we agreed that it would have to be a long engagement."

"It's been three years now, Mary, and I call that a long time. And you seem to have no idea of ending the wait at all. You—yourn't forgetting to care, are you, Mary?"

Mary's lip trembled as she looked at him.

"I care as much—more—than ever," she said. "You don't understand. You see, I have been papa's housekeeper since I was fifteen, and I simply can't leave him alone."

"He is perfectly willing, Mary. Sometimes I think he is anxious for you to marry. He doesn't want to feel as if he were in the way of your happiness."

"That's just it," cried Mary. "Dear old dad! He'd sacrifice his own interests for me any day. I won't leave it!"

"Mary, how old is your father?"

"And healthy?"

"Perfectly. We're all proud of our health."

"He's likely to live out his three-score and ten."

"I hope so, and if you mean that you wish he would die, Dick, Jane!"

"Blessy, Mary; easy. Personally I'm very fond of your father. That's one reason why I am so anxious to get into his immediate family. But, let's see, unless some unforeseen accident occurs I shall be obliged to wait for you at least twenty-five years."

He held up a warning hand as Mary started to speak. "Don't you see that we're no nearer the goal than we were three years ago? Don't wait to find a solution of the problem, dear. Marry me now and we'll solve it together."

Mary rose impatiently.

"What's the use of talking that way? You know I can't. The thought and thought, but there doesn't seem to be any other way out. Father flatly refuses to live with us—says it's better not—and I can't leave him. That's why I sent for you. I've made up my mind that it isn't fair to keep you waiting, so I am going to break our engagement."

She looked at him bravely, though her eyes swam with tears and her lips quivered.

to be married. I hope you will find some one who will have you right away."

She slipped from the room, and not until he heard the door of her room slam did Dick recover from his amazement. Then he laughed again and, putting the ring in his pocket, left the house.

"Poor little Mary!" he mused. "Well, I see that I'll have to get her father to help."

Mary, watching him stride up the street whistling "Mary, Mary, Long Before the Fashions Change," sank into her chair and wept.

"He wanted it broken! He wanted it broken!" she sobbed.

Once admitted to the inner office Dick took the leather chair which Mary's father indicated with his foot, accepted a cigar and lit it.

"Is this a business call or just a visit?"

"Both. I've been up to see Mary."

"Strange. Anything doing? Well, Mary marry?"

"She says she won't. In fact, she has just given me back my ring. I say she won't, and I want you to help me."

"Of course I can't force my daughter to marry you if she does not want to," grinned Mr. Arnold.

"Yes, you can—if you go about it right. You see—"

And he briefly outlined his talk with Mary. Mr. Arnold smoked fiercely while the young man talked, and then they went over a detailed plan together.

"When the young man finally left, the elder shook his head heartily.

"I'll do my best, Dick. Mary's a good daughter, but she'll make just as good a wife, and I'll divide."

That evening Mary came to the dinner table red-eyed and white-faced. Little by little her father drew the story from her. When she had finished he said: "I'm glad of it, Mary. I never would have asked you to give him up, but I am thankful that you can see for yourself."

He did not say what she could see. "And now that it's all over I don't mind telling you that there are as good fish in the sea as have been caught so far. Now, Dick—well, he's so slow! And then—"

But that's over now, so cheer up, daughter, and fall in love with some one else."

"Oh, I can't ever do that!" wept Mary. "I shall take care of you all my life."

"That's just what you must do to him, and you can do it. I am anxious to see you marry and be happily settled. Mary, of course I didn't say so, because I could see that you didn't really care for Dick. If you had cared you'd have married him two years ago. But now that he's gone—"

Mary gasped and staggered for her nephew, sitting up again with a red face. Not once for Dick! Perhaps Dick thought that too.

"And, aside from that," went on her father, "I have been engaged to Marian Howard for a year, and I know how you will feel about keeping me waiting too long. Of course I should

not think of marrying again while you are with me."

Mary thought she must faint. The room went round and round, and then she heard a voice, which must have been her own, stilly congratulating her father, heard him say something the words of which she could not distinguish, and then she was up in her own room.

"Oh!" she moaned, "what shall I do? No one wants me. Papa is going to marry again, and even he thinks I do not care for Dick. I must have acted terribly for papa to think that. And why didn't he tell me that he wanted to marry? I'd have been glad of it, for then I could have married Dick and would not have needed to worry about papa at all. Oh, it is cruel! And now it is too late. No wonder Dick stopped caring if I acted like that—like they seem to think I have." She sobbed miserably.

"I like Marian Howard. I have always wished I could have her with me. I'd like to live with them, but they don't want me either. Papa has said time and again that such combinations are always unhappy, and so I must go away somewhere."

She sobbed herself to sleep that night after hours of wretched reflection and almost desperate thinking. She did not go down to breakfast, but when she heard her father leave the house she went downtown and drew all of the money which she had in the bank. Then she bought a ticket for New York.

At noon her father, seeing how wretched she looked at dinner, felt like a brute and came very near to spelling the whole thing. But she slipped away too quickly to give him time to commit himself, and when he was sure she was in her room he called Dick cautiously up over the phone.

"I guess you'd better come over. I've made a beastly mess of the thing," he said. Then he called up to Mary that he had to go back to the office and told her not to sit up for him and cleared out, feeling like a coward.

This was the chance for which Mary was waiting. Hastily she finished packing her suit case, wrote an agonized note to her father, and, after dressing herself in the long coat and dark veil which feeling heroines always wore in the plays she had seen, she let herself quietly out at the front door and reached the car. A young man jumped off the outgoing car, looked at her sharply and then swung up the steps of the incoming car after her, but she did not notice.

"Was this what her father had meant in his telephone message?" thought the young man. Well, he had made a mess of it.

It was raining by this time—a dreary little drizzle—and when Mary alighted at the union station she would have fallen on the slippery steps had not some one seized the suit case and caught her arm firmly. When she had regained her balance the man did not let go, but slid his grasp down to the cold, wet mud.

"Let me go! What do you mean?" she gasped, and then she knew. She began to cry.

"Mary, Mary, so contrary, come on home again," said Dick gently. "We didn't mean to go so far as this, dear, in our little plot."

"Two—our plot! What do you mean? Did you and father fix all this up for a trick? And—"

To Dick's great surprise and relief she began to laugh. He had expected tears, anger, even rage. And then he began to feel foolish.

"I guess I got just what I deserve. I was blind as a bat," she said. "When do you want me to marry you, Dick. If you can forgive me enough to want me at all? Dick, you didn't think that I had really stopped caring, did you?"

Mary's father was in the drawing room when they got home and came out into the hall to meet them. "We've been out walking," said Dick blandly.

"Yes, I see," said Mr. Arnold, ignoring the suit case and Mary's unusual apparel. "Fine night, isn't it?"

TWO MEN KILLED

In Railroad Accident at Bradenville's Last Night.

Two men were killed while crossing the trucks in a beer wagon at Bradenville, Westmoreland county, last night. Hugo Miller, 40, having a wife and seven children living in North Side, Latrobe, and John Laboeth, aged 35, having a wife and six children, living in Bradenville, both drivers for the Pittsburgh Brewing Company, were returning home from their delivery of beer, and while crossing the tracks near the Bradenville railroad station were struck by train No. 5, west-bound, which passes along at 9:02.

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REJECTS INCOME TAX AMENDMENT.

Governor Hughes Asks Legislature to Do Like-wise.

SOLONS CHEERED BY MESSAGE

New York's Executive is First to Take Stand Against Proposition Submitted to the States by Congress. No Right, Says the Governor.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Governor Hughes sent a special message to the legislature in which he transmitted a certified copy of the resolution of Congress proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States so as to allow the imposition of an income tax. The governor urges the legislature not to ratify the proposed amendment. He is the first to take such a stand.

Governor Hughes says in part: "The power to tax incomes should not be granted in such terms as to subject to federal taxation the incomes derived from bonds issued by the state itself or those issued by



GOVERNOR HUGHES.

municipal governments organized under the state's authority. To place the borrowing capacity of the state and of its governmental agencies at the mercy of the federal taxing power would be an impairment of the essential rights of the state.

"In order that a market may be provided for state bonds and for municipal bonds and that thus means may be afforded for state and local administration, such securities from time to time are exempted from taxation. In this way lower rates of interest are paid than otherwise would be possible. To permit such securities to be the subject of federal taxation is to place such limitations upon the borrowing power of the state as to make the performance of the functions of local government a matter of federal grace.

"The immunity from federal taxation that the state and its instrumentalities of government now enjoy is deprived not from any express provision of the federal constitution, but from what has been deemed to be necessary implication."

RECEIVERS ARE ASKED

Warner Company, Big Book House, in Difficulties.

Cleveland, Jan. 6.—The Warner company, a \$2,000,000 Akron book publishing and lithographing house, has been thrown into a receivership in the United States district court here. Paul E. Warner and Edward P. Warner, holders of the majority of stock, petitioned for the appointment of the receivership and waived service of papers on the company.

Judge R. W. Taylor appointed the Superior Savings and Trust company of Cleveland as receiver under \$100,000 bond. The Warners assert the company is not insolvent, but recite that it cannot meet urgent present obligations. The company employs 700 persons.

TELLS SENSATIONAL STORY

Released Convict Gives Information About King Humbert's Assassination. Berlin, Jan. 6.—A convict who has been released from the Stenna (Italy) prison has made sensational revelations to the police about the assassination of King Humbert in July, 1900, at Monza. He told a detailed story of the organization of the plot, the drawing of lots among the anarchists of Paterson, N. J., to decide who was to commit the crime and other particulars relating to Gaetano Bresci, the assassin, which he claims he heard from a fellow convict, a noted anarchist, before his escape. The police are endeavoring to obtain a contribution of the story, which likely will lead to the arrest of Bresci's accomplices.

"Mark Twain" Off For Bermuda. New York, Jan. 6.—"Mark Twain" was a passenger on the Bermudian bound for Hamilton, Bermuda. He explained that the pain in his left chest still troubled him and he thought Bermuda was the best place for him. Mr. Clemens seemed in low spirits.

ELECTION CONTEST.

Attorney General Todd Will Decide Armstrong Case in Week or Two.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 6.—The contest of the election of Judge Willis D. Patton of Armstrong county was placed in the hands of Attorney General Todd last night and he will determine the latter part of next week what to do. If he decides a case has been made out he will certify the fact to the governor for appointment of an investigation commission of three judges from adjoining counties.

The proceedings were marked by extended arguments by the attorneys and by submission of a dozen new affidavits. These affidavits were chiefly contradictions of each other. Those of the contestants set forth that twenty votes in the Sugarbush district and seventeen in Kittanning were cast by men not qualified to vote and made counter affidavits against those submitted last week by the Patton side.

The respondents put in affidavits showing that all but sixteen of those alleged to have voted illegally had voted in a proper manner.

VISITED AGAIN BY FLAMES

For Third Time Conneaut Lake Suffers From Fire.

Conneaut Lake, Pa., Jan. 6.—For the third time in as many years this town suffered a heavy loss as the result of a fire which swept Main street, put the telephone system out of business and caused a loss estimated at about \$25,000.

Assistance was asked from Meadville, but considerable delay was experienced in getting permission from the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad officials to run a special train from that town to the scene of the fire. When the necessary permission had been obtained the fire had been put under control and was burning itself out. Of the three general stores in the township two have been wiped out, while, in all, eight of the most prominent buildings became the prey of the flames.

Liner Still Burns Fiercely.

London, Jan. 6.—A dispatch from Ascension Island says the British steamship Morse Prince, Captain Campbell, from New York, Dec. 15, for Capetown, was sighted off the island on fire. The fire broke out Monday night and the crew abandoned the ship and took to the boats Tuesday morning. All aboard, including the captain, were saved. The vessel, which is ten miles off the coast, is still afloat, but burning fiercely.

CONGRESSMAN GRIGGS DIES

Representative From Georgia Taken by Heart Disease.

Dawson, Ga., Jan. 6.—James W. Griggs, who represented the Second Georgia district in congress, died suddenly at his home here from heart



LATE CONGRESSMAN GRIGGS.

failure. Mr. Griggs was in bed at the time while apparently convalescing from a slight cold.

He left Washington Dec. 17 to come home for the Christmas holidays. Doctors supposed him to be on the road to recovery.

YOUNGER THAN SUPPOSED

Mother Earth Is Only Sixty Million Years of Age—Easy to Tell.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 6.—"We are now able to tell almost exactly the age of this earth," said Professor William Morris Davis of Harvard in a lecture at the Lowell institute.

"It has existed 60,000,000 years, not 100,000,000 years. We are able to tell this by an examination of the cliffs in Arizona and Utah, where the thin layers of rock deposited can be easily computed. A fair way of estimating the age of the earth is by comparing the underground temperatures of today with those of years ago and comparing the condition of the sun's life today and years ago."

Cody's Granddaughter Marries.

New York, Jan. 6.—Miss Clara Reed, the nineteen-year-old granddaughter of Colonel William F. Cody, was married to Franklin Hamilton Dean of London in Trinity chapel.

WAREHOUSES CAUSE.

Congressman Says They Are Responsible For High Cost of Living.

Washington, Jan. 6.—High prices of foodstuffs in the United States is due to the modern warehousing conditions, according to Representative J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia. Mr. Moore has joined the ranks of those members of congress who are determined to ascertain just why prices are going up, up, up, with no limit in sight.

He introduced a resolution calling on the secretary of agriculture to inform congress how long meats, butter, eggs and other food products can be kept in warehouses without deterioration and a bill applying only to the District of Columbia prohibiting the keeping of food staples in warehouses for longer periods than six months. Confiscation is made the penalty of violation.

"The food trust," said Mr. Moore, "speaking generally, is able to keep up the prices of the necessities of life only by reason of its ability to store these necessities for long periods and put them on the market only when the prices prove satisfactory."

"I do not wish to be understood as being against the warehouse men. My charge is not against them. But it is by reason of modern warehousing facilities that a corner in foodstuffs is possible with the resulting exaggerated scale of prices such as is now in effect."

COAL SHORTAGE IN IOWA

Severe Weather May Extend Famine For Some Time.

Iowa City, Ia., Jan. 6.—The University of Iowa was compelled to close down owing to the inability of the state authorities to obtain coal. The fuel has been in progress several days. The only building open is the university hospital, which is filled with patients.

The authorities fear the small supply on hand for the hospital will soon be exhausted. The authorities are scouting Iowa and Illinois in quest of coal, but not a single carload can be obtained and the prevailing blizzard assured the officials there was small likelihood of obtaining fuel for some time.

Passengers Marooned in Desert.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 6.—Train No. 4 on the San Pedro, Salt Lake and Los Angeles railroad, due here from Los Angeles January first, is marooned in the desert five miles from Caliente, Nev., the track on both sides having been torn out by the flood. The train is carrying about 150 passengers. Plenty of provisions are on hand.

DR. COOK ILL.

Whereabouts of Brooklyn Man Are Still Unknown, However.

New York, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Josephine Dunley, sister of Mrs. Frederick A. Cook, said that she knew where Dr. Cook was and that his secretary, Walter Lonsdale, certainly knew where he was. She said that Dr. Cook was very ill and under the care of physicians. Mrs. Cook, she said, was constantly by his side.

When asked if it was true that Mrs. Cook contemplated divorce, Mrs. Dunley said: "Do you think she would watch by his bedside if she thought of getting a divorce?"

Mrs. Dunley denied that there was any trouble between the doctor and Mrs. Cook over certain alleged loans made by Mrs. Cook to him. As to the nature of Dr. Cook's illness, she would not say, except that it was quite serious. The physicians hoped to pull him through.

Says Cook Is a Monomaniac.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—H. Wake, the big game hunter and friend of Dr. Cook, arrived in Montreal on his way to a sanatorium at St. Agatha, where he intends to take the rest cure. Mr. Wake said that in his opinion Dr. Cook was a monomaniac, nothing more. He had not heard from him lately, but he certainly expected to see him crop up unexpectedly some where not far from here soon.

Take a rest. A field that has rested gives a beautiful crop.—Ovid.

PITTSBURG MARKETS.

Butter—Prints, 35¢; 35¢; tubs, 35¢; 35¢; Pennsylvania and Ohio creamery, 35¢; 35¢.

Poultry—Live—Cocks, 10¢; 11¢; ducks, 12¢; 12¢; turkeys, 22¢; 24¢. Eggs—Selected, 25¢; 26¢; at mark, 33¢; 34¢.

Herr's Island Live Stock.

Cattle—Supply light and market steady. Choice, \$5.25; 5.50; 5.75; 6.00; 6.25; 6.50; 6.75; 7.00; 7.25; 7.50; 7.75; 8.00; 8.25; 8.50; 8.75; 9.00; 9.25; 9.50; 9.75; 10.00; 10.25; 10.50; 10.75; 11.00; 11.25; 11.50; 11.75; 12.00; 12.25; 12.50; 12.75; 13.00; 13.25; 13.50; 13.75; 14.00; 14.25; 14.50; 14.75; 15.00; 15.25; 15.50; 15.75; 16.00; 16.25; 16.50; 16.75; 17.00; 17.25; 17.50; 17.75; 18.00; 18.25; 18.50; 18.75; 19.00; 19.25; 19.50; 19.75; 20.00; 20.25; 20.50; 20.75; 21.00; 21.25; 21.50; 21.75; 22.00; 22.25; 22.50; 22.75; 23.00; 23.25; 23.50; 23.75; 24.00; 24.25; 24.50; 24.75; 25.00; 25.25; 25.50; 25.75; 26.00; 26.25; 26.50; 26.75; 27.00; 27.25; 27.50; 27.75; 28.00; 28.25; 28.50; 28.75; 29.00; 29.25; 29.50; 29.75; 30.00; 30.25; 30.50; 30.75; 31.00; 31.25; 31.50; 31.75; 32.00; 32.25; 32.50; 32.75; 33.00; 33.25; 33.50; 33.75; 34.00; 34.25; 34.50; 34.75; 35.00; 35.25; 35.50; 35.75; 36.00; 36.25; 36.50; 36.75; 37.00; 37.25; 37.50; 37.75; 38.00; 38.25; 38.50; 38.75; 39.00; 39.25; 39.50; 39.75; 40.00; 40.25; 40.50; 40.75; 41.00; 41.25; 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THE GUEST OF QUESNAY

By Booth Tarkington

I had not meant to deliver my information quite so abruptly, but there was no help for it now, and I repeated the statement, giving him a terse account of my two encounters with the rattle-snake and adding:

"He seemed to be certain that 'Oliver Saffren' is an assumed name, and he made a threatening reference to the laws of France."

The effect upon Keredec was a very distinct pallor.

"Do you think he came back to the law? Is he here now?"

"I do not know."

"We must learn. I must know that at once!" And he went to the door.

"Let me go instead," I suggested. I stepped out to the gallery, to discover Mme. Brossard emerging from a door on the opposite side of the courtyard.

"Mme. Brossard," said the professor, "you have a new client today."

"That monsieur who arrived this morning," I suggested.

"He was an American," said the hostess, knitting her dark brows. "But I do not think that he was exactly a monsieur."

"Is he at the law now?"

"No, monsieur, but two friends for whom he engaged apartments have just arrived."

"Who are they?" asked Keredec quickly.

"It is a lady and a monsieur from Paris, but not married. They have taken separate apartments, and she had a domestic with her—a negress, Algerian."

"What are their names?"

"It is not ten minutes that they are installed. They have not given me their names."

"What is she?" demanded Keredec impatiently. "Is she blond? Is she brunette? Is she French, English, Spanish?"

"I think," said Mme. Brossard—"I think one would call her Spanish, but she is very fat, not young, and with a great deal too much rouge."

She stopped with an audible intake of breath, staring at my friend's white face.

"M. Saffren and I leave at once," exclaimed Keredec. "I shall meet him on the road. He will not return to the law. We go to Trouville. See that no one knows that we have gone until tomorrow, if possible. I shall leave fees for the servants with you. On now, prepare your bill and bring it to me at once. I shall write you where to send our trunks. Quick! And you, my friend," he turned to me—"my friend, will you help us? For we need it!"

"Anything in the world?"

"Go to Pere Baudry. Have him put the least tired of his three horses to his lightest cart and wait in the road beyond the entrance. Stand in the road yourself while that is being done. Oliver will come that way. Detain him. I will join you there."

I strode to the door and out to the gallery. I was halfway down the steps before I saw that Oliver Saffren was already in the courtyard, coming toward me from the archway with a light and buoyant step.

He looked up, waving his hat to me, his face lighted with a happy, most remarkable and bright smile, and then the strong midsummer sunshiny gleamed over him. Dressed in white as he was and with the air of victory he wore, he might have been at that moment a

man of war.

He threw himself violently upon the couch. Two downward, slithering from head to foot.

"My poor boy, it is the truth," said Keredec, kneeling beside him and patting a great rent across his shoulder. "It is what a thousand men are doing this night. Nothing is more common or more unexplainable—or more stupid. Of all the antics it is the same, wherever life has become artificial and the poor foolish young men have too much money and nothing to do. You do not understand it, but our friend here, and I, we understand because we remember what we have been seeing all our lives. You say it is not you who did such crazy, horrible things, and you are right. When this poor woman who is so painted and greasy first caught you, when you began to give your money and your time and your life to her, when she got you into this horrible marriage with her, you were blind—you were staggering in a bad dream. Your soul hid away, far down inside you, with its hands over its face. If it could have once stood straight, if the eyes of your body could have once been clear for it to look through, if you could have once been as you are today or as you were when you were a little child, you would have cried out with horror both of her and of yourself, as you do now, and you would have run away from her and from everything you had put in your life. But in your suffering you must rejoice. The triumph is that your mind hates that old life as greatly as your soul hates it. You are as good as you had never been the wild fellow—yes, the wicked fellow—that you were. For a man who shakes off his sin is clean. He stands as pure as if he had never sinned."

"Hurry" was the word I would have

said, but it stopped at "hurry." The second syllable was never uttered. There came a violent outcry, raucous and shrill as the wall of a captured lion, and out of the passage across the courtyard bounded a woman fantastically dressed in green and gold.

She was abundantly fat, double chin, coarse, greasy, smeared with blue pencillings, carmine, enamel and rouge.

At the scream Saffren turned. She made straight at him, crying wildly: "Enfin! Mon mari, mon mari—c'est moi! C'est la femme, mon mari!"

She threw herself upon him, her arms about his neck, with a tropical ferocity that was a very parody of triumph.

"Embrassez-moi, Larrabee! Embrassez-moi!"

He recoiled, enraged, his eyes blazing, he flung her off with a violence surpassing her own and with loathing unspeakable. She screamed that he was killing her, calling him "husband," and tried to fasten herself upon him again.

But he leaped backward beyond the reach of her clenching hands and, turning, plunged to the steps and staggered up them, the woman following.

From above we heard the steely clack of Keredec's cane. He caught Saffren under the arm and half lifted him to the gallery, while she strove to hold him by the knees.

"O God!" gasped Saffren. "Is this the woman?"

"The ghost swung him across the gallery and into the open door with one great sweep of the arm, strode in after him and closed and bolted the door. The woman fell in a heap at the foot of the steps, uttering a cracked simulation of the cry of a broken heart."

"Name of a name of God! Who walked. After all these years! And my husband strikes me!"

"Then it was that what had been in my mind as a monstrous suspicion became a certainty, for I recognized the woman. She was Mariana—in bella Mariana in Murcia."

If I had ever known Larrabee Harman, it, instead of the two strange gillmings I had caught of him, I had been familiar with his gesture, walk, intonation; even perhaps if I had ever heard his voice, the truth might have come to me long ago.

Larrabee Harman!

"Oliver Saffren" was Larrabee Harman!

CHAPTER XI.

It was possible I would not speak of the agony of which I was a witness that night in the apartment of my friends at Mme. Brossard's. I went with reluctance, but there was no choice. Keredec had sent for me.

Keredec had told his truest and too little. The latter had understood too vaguely the nature of the catastrophe which overtook his return to France, and now that it was indeed concrete and definite the guardian was forced into fuller disclosures, every word making the anguish of the listener more intolerable. To him it seemed that he was being forced to suffer for the sins of another man.

"Do you think that you can make me believe I did this?" he cried—"that I made it unbearable for her, drove her from me and took this vicious, paluted old woman in her place? It's a lie! You can't make me believe such a monstrous lie as that! You can't! You can't!"

He threw himself violently upon the couch. Two downward, slithering from head to foot.

"My poor boy, it is the truth," said Keredec, kneeling beside him and patting a great rent across his shoulder. "It is what a thousand men are doing this night. Nothing is more common or more unexplainable—or more stupid. Of all the antics it is the same, wherever life has become artificial and the poor foolish young men have too much money and nothing to do. You do not understand it, but our friend here, and I, we understand because we remember what we have been seeing all our lives. You say it is not you who did such crazy, horrible things, and you are right. When this poor woman who is so painted and greasy first caught you, when you began to give your money and your time and your life to her, when she got you into this horrible marriage with her, you were blind—you were staggering in a bad dream. Your soul hid away, far down inside you, with its hands over its face. If it could have once stood straight, if the eyes of your body could have once been clear for it to look through, if you could have once been as you are today or as you were when you were a little child, you would have cried out with horror both of her and of yourself, as you do now, and you would have run away from her and from everything you had put in your life. But in your suffering you must rejoice. The triumph is that your mind hates that old life as greatly as your soul hates it. You are as good as you had never been the wild fellow—yes, the wicked fellow—that you were. For a man who shakes off his sin is clean. He stands as pure as if he had never sinned."

"Hurry" was the word I would have

said, but it stopped at "hurry." The second syllable was never uttered. There came a violent outcry, raucous and shrill as the wall of a captured lion, and out of the passage across the courtyard bounded a woman fantastically dressed in green and gold.

She was abundantly fat, double chin, coarse, greasy, smeared with blue pencillings, carmine, enamel and rouge.

At the scream Saffren turned. She made straight at him, crying wildly: "Enfin! Mon mari, mon mari—c'est moi! C'est la femme, mon mari!"

She threw herself upon him, her arms about his neck, with a tropical ferocity that was a very parody of triumph.

"Embrassez-moi, Larrabee! Embrassez-moi!"

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The desperate young man on the couch answered only with the sobbing of a broken hearted child.

I came back to my pavilion after midnight, but I did not sleep, though I lay upon my bed until dawn. Then I went for a long, hard walk, breakfasted at Dives and begged a ride back to Mme. Brossard's in a postman's cart which was going that way.

I found George Ward waiting for me on the little veranda of the pavilion, looking handsome and more prosperously distinguished and distinguishedly prosperous and generally well conditioned than ever, as I told him.

"I have some news for you," he said after the hearty greeting—"an announcement, in fact. Elizabeth's going to marry Gresson tonight."

"That is the news—the announcement—you spoke of?"

"Yes, that is it."

To save my life I could not have told at that moment what else I had expected or feared that he might say, but I certainly took a deep breath of relief. "I am very glad," I said. "It should be a happy alliance."

"On the whole, I think it will be," he returned thoughtfully. "I've done his share of hard living, and I once had a notion—I glanced smilingly at me—'well, I date as you know my notion. But it is a good match for Elizabeth and not without advantages on many counts. You see, it's time I married, myself. She feels that very strongly, and I think her decision to accept me is partly due to her wish to make all clear for a new mistress of my household."

He laughed again, but I did not, and, noting my silence, he turned upon me a more searching look than he had yet given me and said:

"You look quite bagged. You haven't been ill?"

"No; I've had a bad night. That's all."

"Oh, I heard something of a riotous scene taking place over here," he said. "One of the gardeners was talking about it to Elizabeth."

"What was it you heard?" I asked quickly.

"He said that there was great excitement at Mme. Brossard's because a strange woman had turned up and claimed an insane young man for her husband."

"Darnation!" I started from my chair. "Did Mrs. Harman hear this story?"

"Not last night, I'm certain. But what difference could it possibly make whether she heard it or not? She doesn't know these people surely?"

"She knows the man."

"This insane?"

"He is not insane," I interrupted. "He has lost the memory of his early life—lost it through an accident. You and I saw the accident."

"That's impossible," said George, frowning. "I never saw but one accident that you."

"That was the one. The man is Larrabee Harman."

George had struck a match to light a cigar, but the operation remained incomplete. He dropped the match upon the door and set his foot upon it.

"Well, tell me about it," he said.

"You haven't heard anything about him since the accident?"

"Only that he eventually recovered and was taken away from the hospital. I heard that his mind was impaired. Does Louise?" he began, stopped and cleared his throat. "Has Mrs. Harman heard that he is here?"

"Yes; she has seen him."

"Do you mean the second he has been bothering her? Elizabeth didn't tell me of this."

"Your sister doesn't know," I said. "I think you ought to understand this whole case."

"He's all right," he bade me. "He's not at all what you think," I said. "There's an enormous difference, almost impossible to explain to you, but something you'd understand at once if you saw him."

"What is the change?" asked Ward, and his voice showed that he was greatly disquieted. "What is he like?"

"As well as I can tell you, he's like an old but very engaging boy, with something pathetic about him; quite specially handsome."

"Oh," he had good looks to spare when I first knew him," George said bitterly.

"No. When he came here he did not know of her existence except in the vaguest way. But to go back to that, I'd better tell you first that the woman we saw with him one day on the boulevard and who was in the accident with him—"

"La Mariana, the dancer; I know."

"She had got him to go through a marriage with her."

"What?" Ward's eyes flashed as he shouted the word.

"It seems incredible, but as I understand it, he was never quite sober at that time. He had begun to use drugs and was often in a half stupor condition. As a matter of fact, the woman did what she pleased with him. There's no doubt about the validity of the marriage."

George asked suddenly, "Did this marriage take place in France?"

"Yes; you'd better hear me through."

I remembered. "When he was taken from the hospital he was placed in charge of a Professor Keredec, a madman of whom you've probably heard."

"Madman? Why, no; he's a member of the Institute, a psychologist or metaphysician, isn't he? At any rate, of considerable celebrity."

"Nevertheless," I insisted grimly, "wasn't a rapier as I ever saw; a poet, a self contrived and ineffectual orator. Harman's aunt put him in Keredec's charge, and he was taken up into the April and eternally hidden to give him something like an education. Keredec's phrase is, 'restored him to his soul.' It was as vital to get him out of his horrible wife's clutches. But she picked up that rat in the garden out yonder—he'd been some sort of stable manager for Harman once—and set him on the track."

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